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SUBJ: CIVAIR: BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS

REF: LONDON 6369

1. PANAM HAS STILL RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM DGCA ON ITS CURRENT FILING FOR SPRING AND FALL PROGRAM (TOTAL OF 36 ROUND TRIPS) OF BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS. MOST OF THE SPRING PROGRAM WAS FOR APRIL AND MAY, AND PANAM PARIS IS CHECKING WITH PANAM BERLIN TO DETERMINE HOW CANCELLATIONS TO DATE WERE HANDLED AND WHAT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TOUR OPERATOR MAY HAVE MADE, AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT VOLUME OF THIS BUSINESS MAY HAVE GONE TO AIR FRANCE SCHEDULED SERVICE. (MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF US MISSION USBERLIN COULD ALSO QUERY PANAM AND POSSIBLY TOUR OPERATOR DIRECTLY ON THESE POINTS.)

2. UK REFUSAL (REFTEL) OF PANAM'S BERLIN-LONDON PROGRAM FOR 1976 DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR ANY CHANGE IN GOF POSITION, NOTWITHSTANDING DGCA'S FAILURE THUS FAR TO REJECT PANAM PROGRAM FORMALLY IN WRITING. DGCA'S SILENCE IS OF COURSE TANTAMOUNT TO REJECTION AND ILLUSTRATES EQUIVOCAL SITUATION EXISTING HERE

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WITH GOF HAVING SIMPLY IGNORED OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE

THIS SUBJECT OF LAST NOVEMBER (75 PARIS 30839).
CONTINUED SILENCE IN TURN ON OUR PART IS LIKELY TO
FOSTER GOF BELIEF THAT USG IS RESIGNED TO ACCEPTING
FRENCH POSITION AND NO LONGER DISPOSED TO MAKE
SERIOUS ISSUE OF US CARRIER ACCESS TO BERLIN-PARIS
CHARTER TRAFFIC.

3. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING OF ANY FOLLOW-UP IN BONN
CAA FORUM TO SUBMISSION OF BRITISH PAPER ON BERLIN
CHARTERS LAST MARCH (BONN 4260). ASSUMING THAT WE
WOULD WANT TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON THE FRENCH IN THE
CONTEXT OF ANY BONN CAA TALKS, AND THERE BEING ALL THE
MORE REASON FOR DOING SO IF THOSE TALKS DO NOT TAKE
PLACE, WE SUGGEST SOME THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO A FIRM
"MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER" DEMARCHE TO THE
FRENCH IN WASHINGTON EXPRESSING SURPRISE AT ABSENCE
ANY OFFICIAL REACTION TO DATE TO OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE.
DEMARCHE SHOULD BE AT HIGHER LEVEL THAN THAT REPORTED
STATE 11731, AND SHOULD STRESS NOT ONLY CIVAIR
IMPLICATIONS BUT ALSO POLITICAL
IMPORTANCE WE CONTINUE ATTACH TO THE ISSUE BECAUSE
OF SPECIAL STATUS OF BERLIN AND ALLIED OBLIGATIONS
STEMMING THEREFROM. CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO
WHETHER ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN SHOULD CALL ON
FRENCH AMBASSADOR THIS SUBJECT.
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